



Building Code Enforcement Newsletter
The Public Works and Engineering Department
Planning and Development Services Division
"Providing information pertaining to the Codes and how they affect you"

# **Unsworn Declaration in lieu of Deed Restriction Affidavit**

On Wednesday, February 18, 2015, City Council voted to amend Sections 1-11, 10-3, 10-247 and 29-6 of the Code Ordinances, accepting an unsworn declaration in lieu of the deed restriction affidavit on Building Permits, Occupa Inspection Applications and Manufactured Home park licenses.

This change will allow the customer to make the application both online (when available) and in person without the use a notary, saving valuable customer time. Please note that other processes within Building Code Enforcement may require a notary for certain services.

Building Code Enforcement will begin accepting unsworn declarations on **Monday, March 2, 2015**. Please use the follow revised fillable forms when making an application.

- Individual Owners:
   http://edocs.publicworks.houstontx.gov/all-documents/division-files/planning-and-development-services-division/enforcement/forms-and-publications/permit-applications/4266-declaration-by-individual.html
- Corporate or Other Business Entity Owners:
   http://edocs.publicworks.houstontx.gov/all-documents/division-files/planning-and-development-services-division/enforcement/forms-and-publications/permit-applications/4267-declaration-by-business-entity.html

**Note:** During the transition to the new unsworn declaration form, completed notarized deed restriction affidavits continue to be accepted.

For any questions, please email us at <a href="mailto:rmcacd@houstontx.gov">rmcacd@houstontx.gov</a> or contact our Building Code Enforcement Ombudsn Office at 832-394-9035.

## **Online Services Unavailable this Weekend**

Due to scheduled maintenance, our online services (iPermits, IVR, Inspection Notification System, and Sold Permits Sear will be unavailable from **Friday**, **February 27 at 8:00 p.m. to Sunday**, **March 1 at 4:00 a.m.** 

Please ensure that you purchase permits and/or schedule inspections before 8:00 p.m. on Friday, February 27, 2015.

We apologize for the inconvenience.

BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT CONTACT INFORMATION

<u>PLAN REVIEW</u> Commercial- (832) 394-8810 One-Stop - (832) 394-8820 *(Commercial Remodels and Residential)*  Mechanical - (832) 394-8850 Electrical - (832) 394-8860 Plumbing - (832) 394-8870 Occupancy/Life Safety - (832) 394-8880 Habitability - (832) 394-8841 Sign Administration - (832) 394-8890

PERMIT OFFICE
General - (832) 394-8899
Clear Lake Office - (832) 395-6787 Dacoma Office - (713) 686-6224 Kingwood Office - (281) 361-9580 Utility Releases - (832) 394-8847

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

Customer Assistance & Code Development Office- (832) 394-9035 Automated Inspection Request Line - (713) 222-9922 Other City Departments- Dial 311

## For Additional Permit Information:

You may obtain information about permits by visiting our website at <a href="https://www.houstonpermits.com">www.houstonpermits.com</a>. You will then be linked to our database of sold permits. If you have questions about any of t permits, please contact our Code Enforcement Group at (832) 394-9494.

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